

This week, millions of Americans will show their commitment to our estuaries through volunteer efforts. We all have a role to play in caring for our environment. It is a matter of awareness and of action. We must look for even more opportunities for our "all of the above" strategy for keeping our estuary economies sustainable and resilient. Advancing common sense ideas that strengthen our economy, protect our estuaries including the Indian River Lagoon, and preserve our natural beauty remain a top priority for me. I'm grateful for the work of millions of dedicated professionals and volunteers across this nation.

National Estuary Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our estuaries to our way of life and our well-being. Estuaries provide indispensable services to our ecology and our economy. Our estuaries are irreplaceable and we must protect, sustain, and restore them.

National Estuary Week is also a time to review our progress in assuring the continued productivity of our estuaries, celebrating our successes and renewing our commitment to ensuring that future generations will enjoy these precious resources. I ask all Members to join me and the Congressional Estuary Caucus in that commitment. The challenge is critical and we can meet it.

LIZABETH LIEBESKIND

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor today a dedicated member of the Hastings on Hudson community, Elizabeth Liebeskind, a woman who brought art, beauty and insight to all she encountered. Elizabeth passed away on July 26, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a valiant battle with cancer. But for those who knew her, the legacy Elizabeth has left will last forever.

Lizabeth graduated from Syracuse University, BFA, and devoted her life to developing the arts in Tribeca, Woodstock, Hastings on Hudson and Brooklyn. As Co-Founder and Creative Director of 12 Miles North, Liz founded the wonderful "Take Me to The River Festival" for which she was awarded a Key to the City on September 9, 2017. That day from here forth will forever be "Elizabeth Sipes-Liebeskind Day" in Hastings on Hudson. Liz wrote and performed plays, most recently her own one woman play about her battle with breast cancer in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to a loving family of seven, Lizabeth is survived by her mother, Beverly Sipes and siblings: Terry, John, and Scott Sipes and Marianne Brown. Liz leaves behind her beloved husband, Hank Liebeskind and her adored children, Samantha, Charlee and Lila Liebeskind.

Mr. Speaker, Elizabeth was a wonderful, warm individual who did so much to better our community. Her contributions were many, as were all the different lives she touched. Elizabeth will be deeply missed, and I am humbled to be able to honor her legacy as a Member of Congress.

LAKE FOREST DEBT FREE DAY

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Lake Forest, California, located in my congressional district.

On October 2, 2018, the Lake Forest City Council will notify bondholders that the city intends to make an early repayment of a \$7 million bond, the city's only outstanding debt. The debt will be paid in full by December 2, 2018.

By repaying the debt early, Lake Forest will save approximately \$1 million. Those savings will allow the City to allocate additional resources toward various funds, such as transportation improvement funds and the General Fund.

Lake Forest is the largest of three cities that has zero outstanding debt liability and is current in its pension payments within the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

Following its incorporation in 1991, Lake Forest adopted a conservative fiscal management approach resulting in the substantial financial security the City enjoys today.

For example, Lake Forest contracts for police and fire services, and landscape and street maintenance, and rents office space for City Hall rather than issuing debt to build a Civic Center.

Further, Lake Forest relies on property and sales taxes to fund its budget, rather than relying on specialty taxes like automobile sales or hotel taxes, which can be unreliable sources of income.

A stable income base coupled with conservative spending practices allow Lake Forest to maintain a balanced budget and be debt-free.

Again, I would like to congratulate Lake Forest on this achievement and applaud its fiscal responsibility.

NEEDVILLE SAPPHIRES DANCE
TEAM EARNS ALL-STAR STATUS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Needville Sapphires Dance and Drill Team for earning All-Star Status and the title of Gold Elite Team.

The team worked hard at dance camp in Galveston to earn the title of Gold Elite Team, as well as the title of All-Star. The team consists of 24 talented dancers: Alondra Vazquez, Ellye Filla, Jackie Argueta, Vasti Coronado, Cynthia Gaona, Kerri Kiser, Mia Rosales, Joselyn Argueta, Annie Rule, Maddy Knight, Rosalan Rule, Gabby Bonilla, Samantha Cruz, Tori Rash, Desiree Ojeda, Paris Green, Kendall Hudson, Melanie Fraga, Belen Barron, Ciara Cavazos, Leyla Mottu, Karla Barron, Tesa Gustavus, and Jill Reid. The team worked hard together to earn this accomplishment.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Needville Sapphires Dance and Drill

Team for their new All-Star status and for earning the title of Gold Elite Team. We look forward to seeing their future successes on and off the dance floor.

TRIBUTE TO MANDI McREYNOLDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mandi McReynolds for being named the 2018 Women Business Emerging Woman of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record. Mandi is Principal Foundation and Community Relations Director.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Mandi earned her Bachelor degree from Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio and her Master's degree from Iowa State University. Mandi began her career in higher education but decided to move into the corporate arena where she could use her talents and skills to benefit people all around the world. Under her leadership the Principal Foundation will announce in the fall a five-year major initiative that will benefit dozens of countries with an expanded youth literacy program. Mandi is recognized as a national thought leader on community engagement and philanthropy and serves as a leader with the United Way of Central Iowa's Women's Leadership Connection. She has also served on the board for the Polk County Housing Trust, Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce Leadership Education and Advancement Pipeline Advisory Board, and the Des Moines Social Club.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Mandi McReynolds in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mandi McReynolds on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Mrs. McReynolds a long and successful career.

HONORING MICHAEL J. DECKER,
KINGSTON VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S
VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize and honor Michael J. Decker for being designated as the Kingston Veterans Association's Veteran of the Year for 2018. A native of Kingston, New York, Mr. Decker has bravely served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves since 1993.

I admire the great commitment of those distinct individuals who have tirelessly devoted themselves to their country and community. Mr. Decker's service as a Marine has spanned the globe, having completed several periods of active duty in countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Ghana. His service to the greater Kingston community, however, is unparalleled.

Through his active involvement with the Boy Scouts, the Ulster Detachment Marine Corps League, the Toys for Tots program, the Kingston Veterans Association, the Kingston American Little League, and as a devout parishioner of Saint Colman's Roman Catholic Church and member of their Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Decker is an important role model for our communities, our veterans, and the next generation of soldiers.

Being named the Veteran of the Year is a true testament to Mr. Decker's continued legacy of patriotism and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of his friends, neighbors, and fellow veterans. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Decker on receiving this award. His lifetime of hard work and dedicated service to the United States is inspirational, and I am grateful for his contributions to New York State.

10TH ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, African American women and their families continue to have a positive impact on the growth and development of our country, our state, and our nation's identity and future; and

Whereas, Investments today that improve the quality of life for African American women and their families will ensure that Dane County becomes the healthiest county in the state, and that Wisconsin becomes the healthiest state in the United States, as well as the health care leader of the world; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness was established for the purpose of empowering women and girls of African descent to live healthy, balanced, and thriving lives by promoting mind-body-spirit wellness as a core quality for being productive members and leaders of their families, communities, and society; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness works to eliminate health disparities impacting black women and their communities by partnering with the community to provide educational outreach programs, conferences, and seminars including the Annual Black Women's Wellness Day to inform, inspire, and empower Black women and girls to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that I, U.S. Representative MARK POCAN of the 2nd District of Wisconsin, hereby proclaim September 22, 2018 as the 10th Annual Black Women's Wellness Day, and urge all citizens to support this worthy and life sus-

taining endeavor by celebrating this day with pride and distinction, and by recognizing its organizers as advocates and ambassadors of health and healing in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL LABOR TO LABOR DINNER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Annual Labor to Labor Dinner to celebrate the activism and dedication of our labor leaders, and their contributions to making our community a fairer place to work.

The annual labor dinner brings together members from different corners of our workforce to honor those who have demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to the interests of workers. American workers owe a debt of gratitude to labor unions. Without them, we may not have a 40-hour work week, paid sick leave, child labor laws, Social Security, a minimum wage, paid family leave, employer-based health coverage, or strong workplace safety laws.

I am grateful that this annual labor dinner pays tribute to the contributions of our local workforce and their shared mission of promoting the rights of American workers. The hard work and sacrifice of union leaders to make all workers better off, not just union members, is commendable.

I extend my appreciation to the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council and Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO for hosting this event and for their advocacy for workers in our community. Congratulations on 20 years of this wonderful event.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF CORPORAL ALVIN T. REHMEYER

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the 100th Anniversary of his death in World War I.

Corporal Rehmeier was born on September 25, 1898. When the United States entered the First World War and the call to arms sounded, Alvin Rehmeier left his native Red Lion, Pennsylvania for training at Camp Meade, Maryland. On July 7, 1918, Rehmeier was sent overseas, where he was assigned to the 316th Infantry Regiment of the famous "Cross of Lorraine" 79th Division. Soon afterwards, he and much of the Division were deployed to the front lines.

On September 26, 1918, Rehmeier was declared Missing In Action following an attack during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive—the largest offensive in American military history. His fate was unknown until March 20, 1919, when his gravesite was located near the town of Montfaucon, France. Corporal Rehmeier is one of the 1,151 Soldiers of the 79th Division who gave their last full measure in defense of

the United States and her allies in World War I.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 4th District, I ask that you join me in honoring and commemorating Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the centennial of his sacrifice; his life exemplified civic virtue in its greatest and noblest form.

TRIBUTE TO WENDY WINTERSTEEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Wendy Wintersteen for being named the 2018 Women of Influence of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record. Wendy is the first woman to serve as President of Iowa State University.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Wendy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and her Doctorate degree from Iowa State University. She has extensive experience in agriculture through assisting in a research program on regional crop pests and she led an effort to overhaul a statewide extension program dealing with pesticide education. Wendy acknowledges that she has the ability to influence and serve as a role model for young women who will become future leaders in academic and professional areas. She is committed to growing the Iowa economy to improve the quality of life, strengthen our communities, and help solve environmental issues in Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Wendy Wintersteen in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Wendy Wintersteen on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Wintersteen a long and successful career.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH—WILSON, NC

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, located in my congressional district and hometown of Wilson, North Carolina. St. John has been a beacon of light in the Wilson community for 150 long years and has positively affected generations of families. I ask